



**PATENT
NON-FINAL**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Takuya HIRAMATSU et al.
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 1, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.